AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

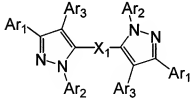
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent element comprising an anode, organic layers and a cathode piled one upon another on a substrate wherein at least one of the organic layers is a light-emitting layer containing a host material and a dopant material and a pyrazole-derived compound represented by the following formula II is used as said host material:

~~(Chem 2)~~



(II)

wherein, ~~Ar1-Ar3~~ Ar_1 and Ar_2 are independently hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon groups, at least one of ~~Ar1-Ar3~~ Ar_1 and Ar_2 is a group other than ~~hydrogen and X1~~ hydrogen, X_1 is a direct bond or a substituted or unsubstituted divalent aromatic hydrocarbon group, and Ar_3 is hydrogen.

3. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent element as described in claim 2 wherein ~~Ar1 and Ar2 are~~ Ar_1 and Ar_2 are aromatic hydrocarbon groups and ~~Ar3 is hydrogen or an aromatic hydrocarbon group~~ in the compound represented by formula II.

4. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent element as described in claim 2 or 3 wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are phenyl groups and X_1 ~~Ar1 and Ar2 are phenyl groups, Ar3 is hydrogen or phenyl group and X1~~ is phenylene group in the compound represented by formula II.

5. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent element as described in ~~claims~~ claim 2 or 3 wherein the dopant material comprises at least one metal complex selected from phosphorescent ortho-metalated metal complexes and porphyrin metal complexes.

6. (Original) An organic electroluminescent element as described in claim 5 wherein the metal complex comprises at least one metal selected from ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, silver, rhenium, osmium, iridium, platinum and gold at its center.

7. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent element as described in ~~claims~~ claim 2 or 3 wherein a hole-blocking layer or an electron-transporting layer or both are disposed between the light-emitting layer and the cathode.